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DIARY NOTES

DD/S [REDACTED]

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1. Together with Mr. McCone, General Carter, and the other Deputy Directors, I attended breakfast this morning with eight or ten new members of the House Armed Services Committee. They were relatively uninformed about CIA activities, and the briefing seemed to go smoothly. After the meeting Congressman Jed Johnson from Oklahoma, who is all of 25 years of age, came by to visit. He was particularly interested in youth and student activities, and [REDACTED] arranged for him to chat briefly with [REDACTED]. I think that in his student days he might have been a United States representative to youth festivals in Africa and India.

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2. [REDACTED] briefed me on the Agency's telephone circuits in the United States. We determined that within the bounds of good security we could not comply with the General Services Administration's request for a complete inventory of all Agency circuits. I asked them to draft a letter to Mr. Robert Conrad, Commissioner of Transportation and Communications Service, telling him that, although we cannot comply with his request, we would be glad to discuss the matter with him and asking him to designate a representative who can be cleared for this purpose.

STATSPEC 3. I discussed Ray Cline's memorandum about restoration of circuit priority for [REDACTED]. I asked Harry to draft a reply to Ray telling him that we will do our very best to restore these priorities. However, Harry should point out that, in the light of our own experience, it is doubtful we can get everything for which he asked and that he might wish to consider using an alternative method such as RCA, which the Office of Communications has done in order to maintain reliable transoceanic communication.

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4. John Clarke telephoned to ask whether I had any documentation to back up the decision to abolish the Office of Operations. He had just received the Agency Notice announcing the reorganization. I said that I had none but was surprised that he did not have the papers since Mr. Kirkpatrick had approved the issuance of the Notice. John felt that he would have to require something in writing from DD/I, and I encouraged him to go after it. I inquired whether he had seen any paper on DD/I's establishment of a CIA Watch Office, which will almost double the space required by the existing

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Watch Office and will cost approximately \$100,000. I told him that I understood from Paul Borel that Kirk had also approved this decision. John knew nothing about it and said that he felt strongly that DD/I would have to produce a paper to support this decision as well as a paper which could be analyzed by BPAM. I encouraged him to go after these also.

5. I discussed with Larry Houston the recommendation by the Office of Logistics that General Carter sign a Certificate of Necessity requesting the General Services Administration to negotiate for space in the Rosslyn area. Larry said that he would like to review this paper before I send it forward; I sent the papers to him.

6. Emmett Echols reported to me that at the Training Selection Board meeting this morning, during which students for the next Midcareer Course were selected, the paperwork supporting DD/S nominees was quite inferior to that of the other Directorates. In addition, some of the DD/S candidates appeared not to meet the criteria, and the two nominees of the Office of Communications were not selected. After discussing these two cases with [REDACTED] I asked the Board to enroll [REDACTED] but did not contest their disqualification of [REDACTED]. I asked them to accept [REDACTED] of the Office of Finance in lieu of [REDACTED]. Later in the afternoon I met with [REDACTED] to report the above to them and to outline plans for future DD/S nominees as follows: Bob will consult with [REDACTED] to make sure that he understands the criteria which the Training Selection Board will use to determine whether an individual is qualified. The criteria will then be published for the information of Heads of Support Career Services, who will be admonished not to nominate people who do not meet these criteria. In addition, I want to set up a panel to screen these candidates before they are nominated to the Training Selection Board, and I want all this done so that I can act on the nominations at least thirty days prior to their consideration by the Training Selection Board.*

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7. [REDACTED] called to say that the Director's last day of duty would definitely be 30 April, whether or not a successor has been appointed. Walt is arranging the Director's affairs and has asked [REDACTED] to contact me to arrange for the expeditious and orderly processing of all papers, including a consultant contract, and the disposition of certain gifts which the Director has received and which are being held in escrow. (I alerted Emmett Echols to this.)

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